

this group of active duty personnel presents a very clear opportunity upon which to build a source of bachelors prepared registered nurses to meet the ongoing recruitment needs of the Army. In addition, this group has already had some preparation and has demonstrated affinity for the type of work which Army nurses are prepared to address. In light of this opportunity, an online Bachelor of Science curriculum will be developed with the intent of allowing progression of the Army medic toward degree completion. The ultimate goal of this project will be qualification for, and entry into, the Army Nurse Corps. Following development of the initial program, additional educational tracks could be developed. Areas for consideration would include a nurse practitioner program with a concentration in neurology/mental health or a Clinical Nurse Specialist program with an emphasis in TBI/PTSD. Both options would result in the preparation of advanced practice nurses who would help meet the needs of returning warriors.

Project Name: Rural Health Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Underserved Populations

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Saint Francis University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$2,000,000 for Rural Health Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Underserved Populations (CERMUSA)

CERMUSA performs applied military research in telehealth, distance learning, and telerehabilitation to benefit individuals, healthcare facilities, and educational entities in rural and remote regions. This research is carried out at minimal cost via strategic partnerships with military, healthcare, business, and other governmental areas. All of CERMUSA's research efforts are conducted using commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies, making these projects both sustainable and replicable in a cost-effective manner. CERMUSA disseminates the results of this research via publication, presentation, and live demonstrations of technology solutions in action. CERMUSA, under the direction of the U.S. Army, serves as a technology test bed readily available to the Armed Forces for test and evaluation of both military-spec and commercially available hardware and software.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because, as an asset of the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, CERMUSA provides direct service to DOD by performing constant analysis of current trends in computing and communications. CERMUSA's main area of operations, central Pennsylvania, strongly approximates many of the same communications and technology difficulties experienced by America's Armed Services throughout the world, including difficult terrain, extreme weather conditions, and a lack of reliable communications architectures. By overcoming these difficulties with readily-available commodity technologies, often combined in unique or novel ways, CERMUSA provides viable alternatives to often costly (and proprietary) military-spec hardware and software.

PROJECT NAME: VOICE RECOGNITION AND CROSS PLATFORM SPEECH INTERFACE SYSTEM

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$2,500,000 for Voice Recognition and Cross Platform Speech Interface System

It is my understanding that this project will provide voice activation to legacy command and control systems to improve the ease of use, accuracy, and timeliness of the systems. The project will continue the work done to bring speech controlled operations and in addition provide a cross-platform solution that can be integrated to a wide variety of military systems. Doing so will dramatically increase the functionality and useful life of legacy systems while decreasing training costs and increasing operational speed.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because many of the Army's current command and control systems require a series of complicated keyboard entries to operate, making the systems slower to operate and prone to errors in stressful environments. This can result in delays providing commanders with critical information and in executing mission critical fire missions. This program will focus on solutions to those issues, allow quicker access to tactical information, and increase the speed in which targets can be fired.

PROJECT NAME: ALC LOGISTICS INTEGRATION ENVIRONMENT

Account: RDTE, AF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IS2 Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3018 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$1,000,000 for ALC Logistics Integration Environment

It is my understanding that this project will develop a Logistics Integration Environment using COTS software that facilitates pulling together teams of people to optimize battlefield readiness and improve the availability of aircraft and associated subsystems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Air Force Logistics Centers lack an integrated data environment for service, repair, and overall logistics.

Development and deployment of the Logistics Information Environment would:

Develop and implement a collaborative logistics management solution that would provide a single source of data for the maintainers, supply and battlefield environments

Provide optimized predictive logistics modeling for critical supportability factors such as spare parts, maintenance schedules, and survivability under fire

Capture aircraft performance information that may be used to drive further improvements in survivability

Allow for real-time collaboration across the R&D, acquisition, logistics, and warfighter communities

Reduce costs by reducing the time required to research and collect the engineering and logistics data necessary to support unplanned/unscheduled depot-level maintenance requirements

Benefits to our warfighting capability would be:

Mission readiness: Improve the readiness of rapidly deployed aircraft

Cost Avoidance: Minimize the cost and complexity of the aircraft logistics footprint

Innovation: Allow for accelerated innovation to aircraft and subsystems, continuously improving their operational performance and survivability

Additional benefits would include composite data that can be used to formalize and distribute Interactive Electric Technical Manuals (IETM) and dynamic work cards for maintenance planning and instructions.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM IN HONDURAS

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support freedom and democracy in Honduras.

On June 28th, the Honduran people spoke clearly and broke the chains of tyranny. In following both the letter and the spirit of their constitution, the Honduran government and their supreme court issued an arrest order, removed Mr. Manuel Zelaya as president, and then exiled him and the threat he posed from the country.

We have heard several conflicting stories on what happened, how it happened, and who did what.

This past weekend I led a congressional delegation to Honduras to get a first hand account of what had happened. I met with the United States Ambassador to Honduras, Hugo Llorens. I also met with President Roberto Micheletti, the members of the Supreme Court of Honduras, members of the Honduran Congress, civil society groups, Honduran and American businessmen, human rights groups, and the United States military.

After meeting with these men and women, I stand here today and affirm to you that what happened in Honduras was not a coup. But more importantly Madam Speaker, the people of Honduras have said this was not a coup. The Supreme Court of Honduras has said this was not a coup. The Honduran Congress has said this was not a coup. The Attorney General of Honduras has said this is not a coup.

However, let's look at who actually has called this a coup. It is the thugs of Latin America: the caudillos who answer to the Venezuelan regime.

Regrettably, President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also joined this rush to judgment in calling it a coup.

Madam Speaker, I would like to share with you what I heard while in Honduras. From the President of the Supreme Court we heard the following: "The military in Honduras does not give us orders. We, the Supreme Court of Honduras, give the military orders."

From members of the Honduran Congress: "We voted, Congressman Mack. We voted so that Mr. Zelaya was no longer the President of Honduras. Why is America not recognizing our vote?"

When I met with President Micheletti, we read the Honduran Constitution. If my colleagues have not read Article 239 of the Honduran Constitution, I urge them to do so. Article 239 could not be clearer. It is as if the people in Honduras in 1982, the year they passed their Constitution, saw the threat that

Mr. Zelaya posed coming over the horizon and made sure that the people of Honduras were protected.

President Micheletti also urged that the United States treat the people of Honduras and their decisions with respect. Honduras has been a great ally of ours, and there is growing indignation toward the Obama Administration's recklessness in siding with thugs and dictators like Fidel Castro, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, and Mr. Zelaya.

Madam Speaker, make no mistake: former President Zelaya violated the Constitution. He broke the law. And when I asked Ambassador's Lloren's team what should be done about Mr. Zelaya and the fact that he violated not only the Constitution of Honduras, but countless laws, their answer was something similar to this: "... everyone breaks the law. Because everyone broke the law, Mr. Zelaya's violations should be forgotten and forgiven. And in order to get a political solution, we should support reinstating him."

I cannot tell you how discomfiting it was to hear this.

The Administration recently pulled the visa of a Supreme Court Justice and the visas of other high-ranking Honduran officials solely because it did not agree with what they did. Then, to add insult to injury, Ambassador Lloren's team tells me that Mr. Zelaya should be returned because everyone breaks laws? That is not responsible. More importantly, that is not how you promote freedom in Latin America.

Madam Speaker, the Honduran people, in their fight for freedom from the tyranny of Manuel Zelaya, have earned our support and deserve to have the United States stand with them as they seek freedom and democracy for their country. I look forward to returning to Tegucigalpa on January 27, 2010, the date that the new president of Honduras will be sworn in and see the streets of Tegucigalpa filled with joy as they celebrate their renewed freedom and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 27, 2009, I was returning from a congressional delegation to Iraq and Israel and regrettably missed three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 647, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 593, Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State, I would have voted "yea";

On rollcall No. 648, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1376, the Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea";

On rollcall No. 649, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1121, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, DW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Diamond Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 429 B Weber Road No. 286, Romeoville, IL 60446

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$2,500,000 for the development of wearable diamond-based MEMS biosensors for real-time detection of weaponized pathogens in Romeoville, Will County, IL.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, Kay Granger, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010.

For the priority titled "Army National Guard UH-60 Rewiring Program" which received \$10 million in H.R. 3326, Army Utility Helicopter Mods account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is InterConnect Wiring, 5024 West Vickery Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107. The UH-60 rewiring program is a vital recapitalization of critical aviation assets within the Army National Guard. Replacing Kapton insulation used in aircraft wiring harnesses during modification, work order and retrofit is a key component. After many years of use, Kapton insulation becomes old and brittle and can lead to wet or dry arcing. Arcing can lead to intermittent or catastrophic failures. The only solution for this potential problem is to replace the wiring harnesses with new wiring harnesses. The rewiring of aging UH-60 aircraft will ensure a single, standardized aircraft configuration, reduce extensive maintenance time requirements needed to isolate electrical malfunctions, and enhance operational safety due to the age of the wire within these aircraft.

For the priority titled "Nautilus: Multi-Mission Unmanned Surface Vessel" which received \$2.5 million in H.R. 3326, Navy Force Protection Applied Research account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Elbit Systems of America, 4700 Marine Creek Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76179. This priority makes the 77 ft Sea Lion stealthy, semi-submersible craft into an unmanned surface combat craft with multiple sensors and weapons, operated from a Remote Control Station. The mission modules will have full range of flexibility to include E/O IR, LASER Designation/Range Finder, data links and satellite commu-

nications, electronic warfare package, stabilized remotely controlled gun, short/medium range missiles, disposable UAVs and non-lethal weapons. Nautilus represents a major step in the introduction of large scale, fully weaponized unmanned surface vehicles into the US Navy. Investment in this priority will enable achieving operational capabilities comparable with those of much larger and complex platforms, but without the risk to personnel/naval assets and at a much lower operational cost.

For the priority titled "Remote Aiming and Sighting Optical Retrofit (RASOR)" which received \$3.8 million in H.R. 3326, Marine Corps Ground Combat/Supporting Arms Systems account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is L-3 Electro-Optical Systems Division, 3414 Herrman Drive, Garland, TX 75041. RASOR will significantly extend the service life of the currently fielded AN/PVS-14 NVD, while accelerating the fielding of next generation mission essential imaging technology. It also provides a very affordable path for image fusion technology mandated by combat developers that will enable future improvements in tactics, techniques, and procedures. At the same time, RASOR will allow the Marine to maintain positive control (both hands on the weapon) and fully operate the weapon in a stand-off fashion with increased safety, mobility, and agility, while reducing the combat load. By presenting and fusing the imagery from each sensor, the user will be able to see around corners without being exposed to enemy fire and remotely view weapon sight imagery. Situational awareness will be dramatically improved as well as the ability to detect, recognize, identify, and accurately engage targets. Overall, RASOR will significantly increase the user's survivability and mission effectiveness.

For the priority titled "Recovery, Recycle, and Reuse (R3) of DOE Metals for DoD Applications" which received \$2.4 million in H.R. 3326, Army Weapons and Munitions Advanced Technology account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is e-PEAK INC, 311 Diamond Oaks Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087. R3 provides an efficient, low cost method of obtaining lightweight specialty metals that are used in advanced armors, vehicles, and weapon systems. It provides technologies that allow for the safe, secure, and environmentally sound recovery and reuse of more than one million tons of discarded metals currently stockpiled at DOE facilities.

For the priority titled "Vision Integrating Strategies in Ophthalmology and Neurochemistry (VISION)" which received \$4 million in H.R. 3326, Army Research, Development, Test And Evaluation account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is University of North Texas Health Science Center, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107. The research performed by the VISION team will target the various causes and effects of visual damage resulting from both ocular injuries and eye exposure to the elements during combat operations. This research will be used to develop compounds and novel therapeutic strategies to more quickly return an injured warfighter to his unit. More significantly, the goal is to have the Services be able to equip warfighters and combat medical personnel with therapy solutions that can be (1) administered preventatively, (2) self-administered or (3) easily deployed and administered in the field. This